

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 14, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 34-69 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 34-69 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claim 34 has been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. Claim 36 has been amended to correct matters of form. New claims 70-87 have been added to claim additional aspects of the invention. Applicant submits that the changes made herein do not introduce new matter.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 34-51, drawn to a method of delaying, repressing, or otherwise reducing the expression of a target gene in an animal cell, classified in 514, subclass 44.
- II. Claims 52-69, drawn to isolated nucleic acids, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.

Applicant elects group I, claims 34-51. Applicant has canceled claims 52-69. Applicant submits that new claims 70-87 belong to group I, as they are also drawn to a method of delaying, repressing, or otherwise reducing the expression of a target gene in an animal cell. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of new claims 70-87.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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